

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT	Docket No.	PALO-002
Address to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application No.	10/748,897
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	Examiner	Ramachandran, Umamaheswari
	Group Art Unit	1617

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 12, 2007. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-29;
- Group II: Claims 1-28 and 30;
- Group III: Claims 1-28 and 31;
- Group IV: Claims 1-28 and 32;
- Group V: Claims 1-28 and 33;
- Group VI: Claims 1-28 and 34;
- Group VII: Claims 1-28 and 35;
- Group VIII: Claims 1-28 and 36;
- Group IX: Claims 1-28 and 37;
- Group X: Claims 1-28 and 38;
- Group XI: Claims 1-28 and 39;
- Group XII: Claims 1-28 and 40;
- Group XIII: Claims 1-28 and 41;
- Group XIV: Claims 1-28 and 42;
- Group XV: Claims 1-28 and 43;
- Group XVI: Claims 1-28 and 44;
- Group XVII: Claims 1-28 and 45;
- Group XVIII: Claims 1-28 and 46;
- Group XIX: Claims 1-28 and 47;
- Group XX: Claims 1-28 and 48;
- Group XXI: Claims 1-28 and 49;

Group XXII: Claims 1-28 and 50;
Group XXIII: Claims 1-28 and 51;
Group XXIV: Claims 1-28 and 52;
Group XXV: Claims 1-28 and 53;
Group XXVI: Claims 1-28 and 54;
Group XXVII: Claims 1-28 and 55;
Group XXVIII: Claim 56;
Group XXIX: Claims 57-60; and
Group XXX: Claim 61.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group XIII, claims 1-28 and 41, with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

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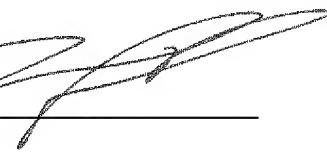
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number PALO-002.

Respectfully submitted,

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